

NATURAL HISTORY.

Some New Species Discovered in Arizona Classified.

The Phoenix correspondent of the Williams News has been recently interesting himself in the enticing study of natural history. He has extended his researches in the direction of the fauna peculiar to our own territory, and publishes accurate and full descriptions of two rare and interesting species. The scientific writer has labeled them plainly, so that the average reader will have little or no difficulty in identifying either of these animals should they be met roaming at large. Following are the results of the latest research in this field:

NO. 1--THE FRANKLINIAN INCUBUS.

This is a large animal, laterally considered. You will notice that it has been preserved in alcohol for better keeping. Under microscopical examination you see that it scowls fiercely, yet so far as can be ascertained it never frightened anybody. Its more prominent characteristics are: 1--Bull neck. 2--Almost total lack of intellect. 3--Total absence of good breeding. 4--Molish stubbornness. 5--Self-conceit. 6--Wrinkles. 7--Scowls.

This is the only specimen of its breed extant and was discovered a couple of years ago by a Mr. Cleveland, who then resided in Washington but has since moved to New Jersey. When in alcohol, as at present the Franklinian Incubus lies dormant for many months. At certain seasons however, it has spasms, and during these intervals it storms and prances around and makes a noise. It manifests at all times a great fear of being disturbed in the possession of the particular trough in which it now feeds.

2--THE WILSONIAN GIGANTICUS.

Very closely allied to the previous specimen only more active in its movements and with more breadth to the feet. At present this specimen is on exhibition before a classification committee of the United States senate. If these learned gentlemen succeed in properly ticketing the exhibit the science of natural history will have been materially aided.

The Wilsonian Giganticus is of no-mad disposition and often wanders far from its feeding place. It manifests certain feline qualities, however, by always coming back, and its present great fear is that some of the managers of the museum may succeed in cutting off its supply of public provender. According to the telegraphic dispatches from the national capital, this specimen is in a very bad humor and nurses the hallucination that certain of the animals in the Salt river menagerie have not sufficiently indorsed his efforts to keep both feet in the home trough.

Large, horny, fierce bristles on upper lip, heavy tread; answers to the name of "General." If this specimen should get lost or broken in transit it never would be missed.

Next week Mrs. Temple of Benson, and her daughter, Miss Ida, who has recently returned from attendance at the territorial normal school, at Tempe, will visit their son and brother, Mr. Jule Temple, agent for the N. M. & A. railway at Huachuca, after which they will visit friends in Nogales.

New Concession.

The Mexican Herald of Saturday the 12th says: The department of communications has granted a concession to Col. F. H. Seymour empowering him to operate, under the customary privileges, the railway built by him between the Torres station of the Sonora railway and the mining camp of Minas Prietas. Colonel Seymour is also empowered to build an extension of the above named railway, such extension not to exceed 100 kilometers in length and to connect other mining camp and towns in the state of Sonora with the existing railway. The concessionaire must, within three years from June 10th, 1897, announce to the department of communications if he intends to build the extension of 100 kilometers above alluded to. If said period elapses without a statement from the concessionaire that he intends to build the extension, the concession as regards said extension, is to become null and void. The concession is for eighty-five years and while it conveys the usual privileges as to the free importation of material and rolling stock, it carries no subsidy. The government, however, agrees, while the present concession remains in force, not to grant any concession for the construction of a railway within a belt of eighteen kilometers on either side of Col. Seymour's road, but without prejudice to prior concessions.

IMPROVEMENTS.

To keep pace with its rapidly increasing business THE OASIS has been obliged to make large additions to its plant, and during the present week a fine Hoe cylinder press has been purchased and is now en route. It will be set up and in operation within two weeks, and then the terrors of "press day" will have vanished. With the press now in use the work of getting out a single issue of the paper is an all-day's job for the entire force, and in order to compass the job the forms have to be locked up Friday evening. With the new press, which is very fast, the entire edition can be turned off within an hour, which will permit holding the forms open until nearly noon of Saturday, thus including the very latest news.

Beside the new press a large bill of new type and other appliances has been ordered, and will be ready for use early in July. With these additions THE OASIS plant will become the finest in Southern Arizona, and can turn out any kind of printing, in the highest style of the art.

In this connection it may not be amiss to state that Mr. J. R. Southworth's new book, "Sonora Illustrated," will be printed at THE OASIS' office. It will be a book of 100 or more pages, each page 10x14 inches, printed on heavy book paper of the finest quality, profusely illustrated with elegant and artistic half-tone engravings. The contract calls for twenty thousand copies and the work is to be ready for delivery early in September.

As intimated in this article THE OASIS plant, with the new additions, will be the finest in Southern Arizona, and all kinds of work from a one-sixteenth sheet dodger or a visiting card to a handsome book can be turned out elegantly and artistically. There is a demand for that kind of a plant, and THE OASIS has met it.

SONORA SIFTINGS.

A Collection of Happenings in the State Over the Line.

Mr. Gabriel Monteverde is acting as agent for the Sonora railway in the absence of Mr. G. G. Graham, the regular agent at Magdalena.

Wednesday of last week the new brewery of Schuehle & Grunig, at Hermosillo, commenced making beer. It will be some little time yet before the finished product will be ready for delivery.

One day last week a carload of melons was shipped from Guaymas, destined to Bisbee, Arizona, by Señor Ignacio T. Grierfla. Between Ortiz and Torres stations the car caught fire and was destroyed with its contents.

El Comercio, of Guaymas, states that there has recently set sail from San Francisco for the Sonora metropolis, the American schooner Emma Louisa, under commission granted by the Mexican government to Jesse Grant and associates to explore the islands in the Gulf of California.

El Comercio is in receipt of a letter from La Paz stating that Señor Carlos C. Cornejo, the administrator of "La Compania Perifera de la Baja California, Sucrores" (Lower California Pearl Fishery Co.), has sold in London, to an English syndicate, the concessions and property of the company for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds sterling.

The El Paso Times of Tuesday says: A miner recently from the head waters of the Yaqui and Mayo rivers in Sonora, Mexico, reports some very rich gold strikes there lately. The miner, whose name is Thomas Sedgwick, says the ore is gold and free milling, a sample of which he brought to the El Paso smelter, at which place it is now being tested. It is said to be up in the thousands, and Mr. Sedgwick and his partner, who is here with him, claim that that they have one of the best paying mines in the whole southwestern country.

The dredge of the Yaqui River Mining Co., mention of which has been made in THE OASIS, was completed on the 12th inst., and it was expected that the work of dredging and sluicing the bed of the river for gold would begin about the 15th. The scene of operations is at San Antonio de la Huerta, nine miles down the river from Soyopa.

Last week Mr. H. T. Richards, of the International Irrigation and Improvement Co., at Hermosillo, began arrangements for starting the location surveys for the irrigation system in the Sonora River valley, for which he recently secured a concession from the Mexican government. The surveys will occupy about two months and construction will be begun about September 15th next. The dam head-works and canals will be very expensive. The whole work will cost about \$750,000 gold or \$1,500,000 silver, the greater part of which will be paid out for labor and supplies bought in Sonora, and will give Hermosillo quite a boom during construction, which will take about three years. The engineers will arrive in July and be under the direction of Mr. R. J. Richards.

By reference to an advertisement in another column it will be seen that the Hotel Central at La Colorada, (Minas Prietas) is offered to lease. The structure is new (having been in use only a year), and is admirably fitted for the purpose intended. In the hands of the right kind of people the property can be made to yield a fortune.

Excursion Tickets.

Mr. F. S. Webster, agent for the Southern Pacific at Benson, has notified THE OASIS that for the Christian Endeavor convention, which assembles in San Francisco on the 7th of July, special limited tickets will be sold for \$20.00 Good on trains leaving El Paso July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Round trip tickets \$35.00 on sale July 2nd and July 5th to 7th inclusive. Return limit good until July 31st. The same company will sell Fourth of July excursion tickets between all stations at greatly reduced prices, on July 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th.

Also tickets to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the National Educational Association at one-half fare from El Paso on July 2d, 3d and 4th, with return limit extension privilege to August 31st.

Star: A species of the night-blooming Cereus (Echinocactus) bloomed a few nights since in the garden at the bishop's residence on Ochoa street. It was a pale, yellow, beautiful flower. It began to unfold its petals shortly after sundown and by eight o'clock was fairly well opened. Bishop Salpointe, who is an authority on such things, said it would close with the coming of the following day. The good bishop has lived here many years and this flower is the third of its kind to come under his observation. On Monday night another variety of the same plant bloomed in the garden of Mrs. M. G. Samaniego. Although this plant has been carefully tended for the past seventeen years, this is the first time it has been known to bloom, and then its fragrance filled the air for but a night.

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